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SUBJECT:PRESS SUMMARY - AUGUST 15

1. SUN (PAGE 1) "GRAIN OUTLOOK BEARISH" BY ART PINE, DATELINED WASHINGTON. STATES THAT FORD ADMINISTRATION SECRETLY USING ESTIMATES OF SOVIET GRAIN REQUIREMENTS THIS YEAR WHICH ARE SUBSTANTIALLY MORE PESSIMISTIC THAN THOSE MADE EARLIER THIS WEEK BY SECRETARY BUTZ. THEY ARE ESTIMATING SOVIET OUTPUT AT 165 TO 170 MILLION TONS RATHER THAN 180, AND THAT SOVIETS WILL ASK AN ADDITIONAL 13 TO 15 MILLION RATHER THAN 5 MILLION BUTZ HAD PREDICTED.

2. SUN (PAGE 1) "KISSINGER WARNS RUSSIA", "KREMLIN TOLD TO STEER CLEAR OF PORTUGAL." WSJ AND WP HAVE SIMILAR HEADLINES ON SECRETARY'S SPEECH. NYT: "KISSINGER GIVES LISBON ANTI-REDS STRONG BACKING".

3. SUN (PAGE 2) "19 CONGRESSMAN MEET BREZHNEV", DATELINED MOSCOW. COMMUNIST PARTY LEADER BREZHNEV MET YESTERDAY WITH 19 AMERICAN CONGRESSMEN FOR "FRANK AND BUSINESSLIKE" UNCLASSIFIED

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DISCUSSION AT BREZHNEV'S CRIMEAN DACHA. EMBASSY SPOKESMAN

QUOTED SPEAKER ALBERT AS SAYING "IT WAS A SPLENDID MEETING. BREZHNEV ANSWERED FULLY ALL OUR QUESTIONS. HE COULDN'T HAVE BEEN KINDER." (ALSO NYT)

4. WSJ (PAGE 1) ITEM IN WHAT'S NEWS UNDER WORLDWIDE CAPTION STATES THAT BREZHNEV, IN DISCUSSION WITH U.S. CONGRESSMAN, SAID THE SECTION OF THE HELSINKI AGREEMENT ON FREER MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE AND IDES "IS TO BE FULFILLED ACCORDING TO AGREEMENTS" AND "WILL HAVE TO BE SEEN AS TIME GOES ON." ALSO EXPRESSED OPTIMISM THAT SECOND SALT PACT WILL SOON BE REACHED.

5. CSM (PAGE 1) "APOLLO-SOYUZ MEDALS: A SOVIET 'GOLD MINE'" BY PAUL WOHL. USSR HAS COINED 10,000 ONE-OUNCE GOLD MEDALS TO COMMEMORATE THE FLIGHT AND IS MAKING A HANDSOME PROFIT. IT SELLS MEDALS FOR \$340; GOLD IS WORTH \$162. DEALERS IN NEW YORK SEEL THEM FOR \$425 AS COLLECTOR'S ITEMS.

6. CSM (PAGE 26) "WHY CHINA STAYS MOSCOW'S HAND ON PORTUGAL" BY JOSEPH HARSCH. MOSCOW IS PLAYING A ROLE IN PORTUGAL BUT IT IS CAUTIOUS AND LOW-KEY. MOSCOW'S MODERATION, OR POLICY OF DETENTE, DUE TO NEW U.S.-CHINA RELATIONSHIP AND FEAR OF TWO-FRONT CONFRONTATION

7. CSM - OPINION AND COMMENTARY "LOOK OUT FOR SOVIET SHIPS" BY RUSSELL BRIMES DATELINE TEHERAN. NOW THAT THE SECRET SOVIET WORK AT BERBERS HAS BEEN EXPOSED, AN AMERICAN FAILURE TO RESPOND COULD TEMPT MOSCOW TO ACCELERATE THE INDIAN OCEAN BUILDUP. SISCO

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